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Dear Landlords:

On December 22, 2018 the Federal Government began a partial shutdown that does affect the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Oklahoma City Housing Authority (OCHA) receives all Housing Assistance Payments (HAP) funding from HUD. OCHA was notified by HUD that funding will be available through February 28, 2019. If the Government does not reopen, no funding from HUD will be made available as of March 1, 2019.

If no funds are available for distribution on March 1, 2019, there will be severe impacts to families and property owners assisted by any HUD programs across the nation (Section 8, Public Housing, Multifamily Project Based Rental Assistance and a host of smaller programs).

We are hopeful the Government shutdown will end before it impacts the programs, tenants, landlords and employees.

However, if the shutdown is not resolved by the end of February 2019, OCHA will not be able to make timely payments to landlords beginning in **March 2019**.

OCHA would encourage all landlords to consider that the shutdown is in no way the fault of the tenants and to consider postponing any evictions due to non-payment of HAP.

Thank you for your support of low-income families in the Oklahoma City limits.

As a result of the shutdown, OCHA will begin **new** hours of operation effective **Friday, January 25, 2019**:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Sincerely,

Mark W. Gillett
Executive Director

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